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FROM : Amembassy GUATEMALA

DATE: March 1, 1971

SUBJECT: INTERNAL SECURITY: Monthly Report of Incidents, January, 1971

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SUMMARY: For the fourth consecutive month, political violence in Guatemala was high. January's tally of forty-two press reported incidents of violence is about average. However, this number appears way shy of the actual figure. The GOG was particularly active this month in the security field, making a number of important hits against terrorists, loosening media restrictions and lifting the curfew (GUATEMALA 39). In the capital, Deputy Adolfo MIJANGOS Lopez and labor leader Tereso de Jesus OLIVA y Oliva were assassinated. The extreme Left staged at least six attacks, including an assault on the British Consulate PMA guard, but most were small scale and low risk. In the provinces, two finca payrolls were held up and eight bullet-laden bodies were found in various locations.

1. January incidents apparently matched in number the higher monthly average which began last September. The press reported twenty-nine dead, nine wounded, and one bomb. Sixty percent of the month's total incidents occurred after the Jan. 22 GOG loosening of press restrictions, indicating that it was the coverage, not the actual violence, which increased at month's end.

2. The Government scored its most impressive hits to date against terrorists in January. In a remarkable two day period, Jan. 6 and Jan. 7, security forces eliminated four FAR triggermen and the PGT/FAR leader Marco Antonio LEONI Aguilar and wounded a FAR provincial chief. Also, the press reported January 6 the disappearance of Humberto OVANDO Urquizu, who was the PGT/FAR training chief.

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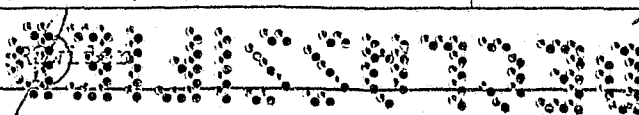
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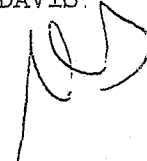
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a rash of car thefts; several stolen vehicles were employed in attacks against security forces during the month.

7. Press reports of violence in the outlying Departments also increased, particularly after January 22. A Chiquimula businessman was found dead January 20 with multiple bullet wounds. In late January, an Escuintla finca administrator was wounded, but successfully warded off thieves after his Q10,000 payroll. Less fortunate was a San Marcos ranch administrator who lost Q4,000 to desperados. Eight other men, all unidentified, were found in various departments, all killed by automatic weapon fire.

8. COMMENT: The GOG's early January successes against the far Left, particularly the PGT/FAR, may account for the subversives' relative inactivity throughout most of January. However, the bank robbery and the British Consulate attack in the last half of the month may indicate that terrorists were recovering their balance. Arana lowered his "pacification" profile in lifting the curfew and press restrictions, but under the ongoing state of siege, retains emergency powers.

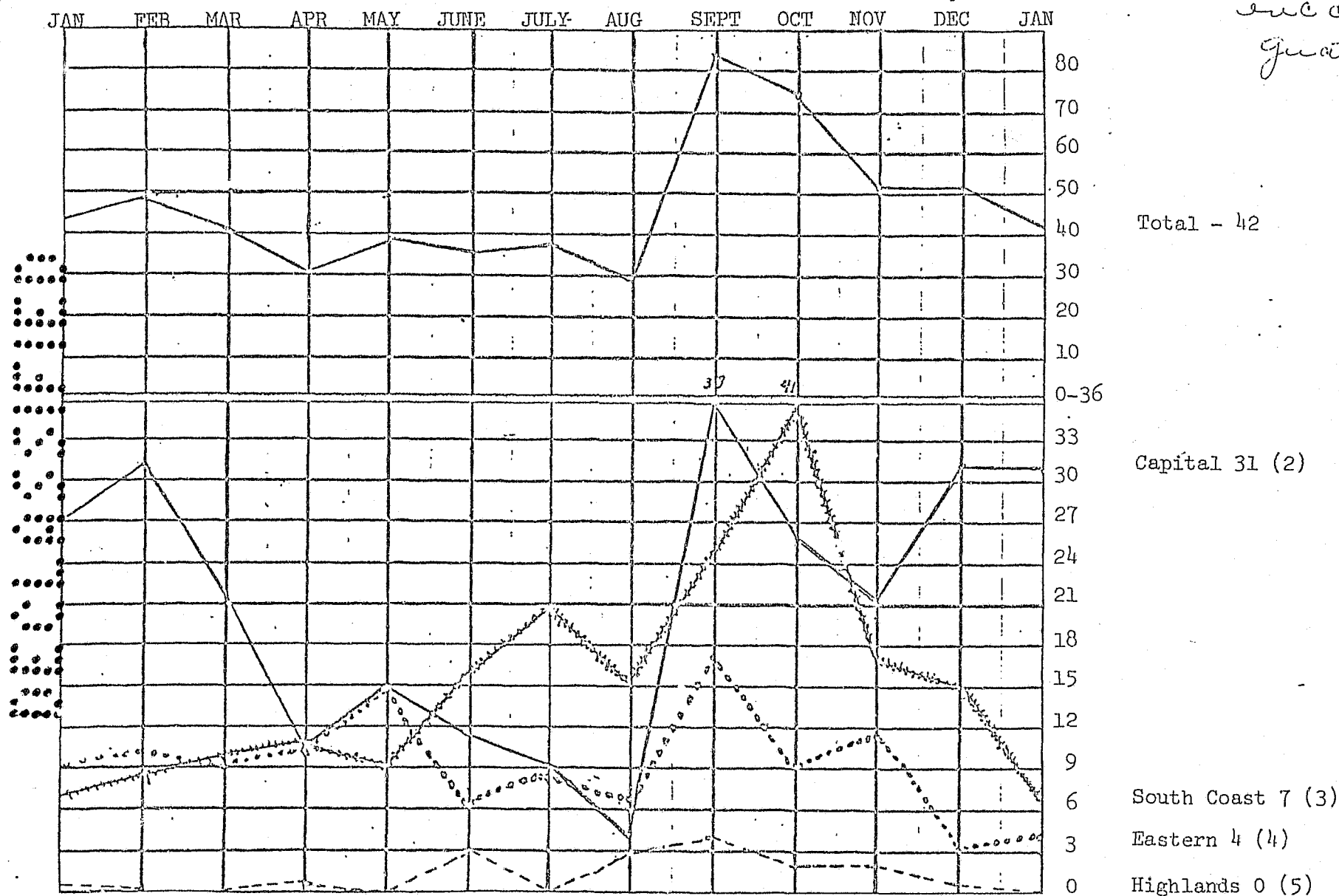
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MONTHLY FREQUENCY OF TERRORIST RELATED INCIDENTS BY REGION (1) - JANUARY 1970 - JANUARY 1971



1. For purposes of this graph, acts of violence include shootings, bombings, and assassinated bodies.
2. Capital Area: Sacatepequez, Guatemala
3. South Coast: San Marcos, Quezaltenango, Retalhuleu, Suchitepequez, Escuintla, Santa Rosa
4. Eastern Region: Jutiapa, El Progreso, Jalapa, Zacapa, Chiquimula, Izabal, El Peten
5. Highlands: Totonicapan, Chimaltenango, Huehuetenango, El Quiche, Baja Verapaz, Alta Verapaz, Solola